

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification, cancelled claims 1 to 7, amended claim 8, cancelled claim 9 and added claims 11 to 19 for consideration. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks.

Applicants amended the specification to correct a typographical error. Applicants amended "polishing head" to "conditioning head". Applicants original-filed claim 6 and Figure 2 provide a basis for the correction. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment enters no new matter.

As suggested by the Examiner, amended claim 8 now includes the limitations of originally submitted claim 9. Newly submitted claim 11 includes the surface roughness limitation of paragraph 25, lines 2 to 4. Newly submitted claims 12 and 13 include the cutting tool and diamond conditioning head limitations of paragraph 31 and original-filed claim 6. Newly submitted claim 14 combines amended claim 8 with a pore size limitation of 500 to 10,000 pores per mm<sup>2</sup>. The specification, at paragraph 23, lines 5 and 6, provides a basis for the pore size limitation. Newly submitted claim 15 claims a pore size of 500 to 2,500 pores per mm<sup>2</sup> supported by paragraph 23, lines 6 and 7. Claims 16 to 19 correspond to claims 11 to 13, respectively, but depend from independent claim 14. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments enter no new matter.

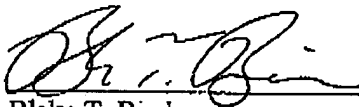
Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amended specification and claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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